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## YOUNG SQUAD BIDS FOR OCEANIA CUP

The Australian B team enters a training camp in Sydney on Saturday to prepare for its Oceania Cup challenge in Noumea from February 22 to March 3.

The squad flies out of Sydney next Wednesday. National coach Rudi Gutendorf named 15 of the 17-man squad on Monday morning, leaving two places to be filled.

The 15 include five players eligible to compete in the World Youth Championships next year — Steve Blair (Vic.), Paul Kay, Peter Raskopoulos, Ian Hunter (NSW) and Paul Tommides (WA).

Of the others, seven were in Gutendorf's 1978-79 youth squad — Steve Hogg (Qld), Greg Woodhouse, Eddie Krnecic (NSW), George Christopoulos, Alan Davidson, Theo Selimidis (Vic.) and Danny Moulis (ACT).

Arno Bertogna of Newcastle KB United, the find of Australia's tour of China and Taiwan, and Vic Bozanic of West Adelaide, also are included.

*Details of the final game at Olympic Park on Saturday:*

**AUSTRALIA B (Colts)** 1 (Milovanovic 35th) **VICTORIAN YOUTH TEAM** 0.

**AUSTRALIA B:** Banovic 9 — Moulis 7, Crino 7, Blair 8,

Milovanovic 8 — Kay 9 (injured, sub. J. Little 65th.), Ras-

kopoulos 9, Selimidis 8 — Hunter 7.5, Brusasco 6 (A.

Reis 6, half time), Tredinnick 9.

**VICTORIAN YOUTH TEAM:** Fraser 8 (Incantulupo 7

half time), Angele 8, Talevski 6 (Traficante 9 — Vukovic 6

(Christoudias 6, half time), Belic 8, McLeod 6 (Beamish 6

half time).

No. 2 goalkeeper will be Michael Frazer of St George of Yarra Banovic of Heidelberg. Banovic was tried out in the curtain-raiser to the Australia v. Czechoslovakia game in Melbourne on Sunday, and he impressed Gutendorf.

Victorians Oscar Crino and Vlatko Belic, both eligible for the 1981 youth titles, were named by Gutendorf as stand-by players. He also was considering Craig Hall of

the players now emerging as stars of the future — men like Bobby McLachlan of Victoria and Joe Vlastis of NSW.

He also praised Tony Boggi for his valuable work in training the national team players of Victoria.

Gutendorf said the national A team and the players eligible for the 1981 youth championships would spend a week in training camp once a month.

Australia is drawn with the New Hebrides, Solomon Islands and New Caledonia in one of the groups of the Oceania Cup.

The other group comprises New Zealand, Papua-New Guinea, Fiji and Tahiti, so it looks like an Australia v. New Zealand final.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



• Australian youth players training for the curtain-raiser to the Socceroos v. Czechoslovakia match at Olympic Park last Saturday. Standing from left: Brian Emery (national youth development officer), Oscar Crino, Mike Fraser, Steve Blair, George Christopoulos, Alan Davidson, Mark Brusasco, Peter Raskopoulos, Ian Hunter, Alan Reis. Front: Bill Curran (Victorian youth coach), Steve Hogg, Paul Kay, Peter Tredinnick.

# ROOS AS FULL PROS?

The Socceroos may become full professionals for six months from December 1 this year.

And the 1981 Philips League may start in February instead of March.

These are proposals aimed at strengthening Australia's position in the Oceania World Cup qualifying series next year.

Australia meets New Zealand in Auckland on April 28, 1981, in the first match of the qualifying series.

Fiji, Indonesia and Taiwan, which will play under the name of China-Taipei, are the other nations in the Oceania group.

Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George said it was necessary for the Philips League to have completed seven or eight rounds before the Socceroos head off to New Zealand.

This would ensure that the players are fully match fit.

"If I can raise the money I hope to have our team as full professionals for six months, starting December 1," Sir Arthur said.

Meanwhile, the Socceroos will prepare for the World Cup with an overseas tour in October this year, and with games against visiting Indonesia in March and China in April-May.

Sir Arthur hopes to secure matches against the England, Scotland and West German B teams and the full national teams of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland on the Socceroos' World tour.

The ASF also has received invitations to play against Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Greece.

"There's no point playing rubbish teams," Sir Arthur said. "In all, we are looking at nine matches."

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sion will start the same way it did in 1973.

The result then was a 1-1 draw, but Australia went on to qualify for the finals in West Germany.

The 1981 Oceania draw is not yet complete. Dates and venues are yet to be set for Taiwan's away matches. In 1977 the Taiwanese were unable to get entry visas to certain countries, including Australia.

If Australia wins the Oceania section, it will advance to a further qualifying series against the winners of three Asian groups. The top two after

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# It's time we learned a few manners

I wonder how many Australian players appreciate the significance of national anthems played before each match against a visiting team.

Many of them continue to show complete lack of respect at these times.

I have seen Australian players doing limbering up exercises, making faces and chatting to each other while the national anthem of a visiting team is being played.

This type of behaviour should not be tolerated.

The Czechs, the Uruguayans, the Israelis, the Iranians stood proudly to attention as their national anthems were being played before matches of their Australian tours.

They did so in respect for their country and they extended their tribute by doing likewise when the Australian anthem was played.

Australian players owe it to their visitors to extend common courtesy.

Surely they can be patient for the 30 seconds or a minute that it takes to play then anthem.

I have travelled the world but nowhere else have I seen the type of disrespect of which our players have been guilty.

While I'm on the subject allow me to express my disappointment over another example of lack of respect. The Czechoslovakians are champions of Europe, Nehoda is rated one of the best 10 players in the world, Masny and Ondrus are super stars by any standards, yet these people are asked to stay at a

hotel where they have to stand in line for their tea and coffee, like in some army canteen.

The elite of world sport deserves only the very best accommodation.

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According to national coach Rudi Gutendorf, Australian coaches, except those for kids up to 14, are 30 years behind the times.

He said so in an interview with a feature writer for the "Sydney Morning Herald" some weeks ago.

If we had junior coaches as good as their counterparts in Europe, Australian soccer would today be among the elite and a world power, never mind any problems qualifying as representatives sent Asia in the World Cup.

Czechoslovakia's coach, Dr. Josef Venglos, is recognised as one of the leading authorities in world soccer.

Did we bother to learn from him while he was here? Of course not!

Was he asked to address a meeting of coaches, or perhaps to take part in a coaching course? No.

John Yzendoorn, Australia's national coach in 1967, and he coached Prague in Sydney for three years. There may be some interesting observations he could have made about our development, had only someone bothered to ask him.

How could we allow him to leave without having gained the benefit of his great knowledge?

Gutendorf has been in this country for 16 months, why hasn't he organised a seminar



**RALE RASIC**

to tell us in what areas he is 30 years ahead?

Had he done so, I would be thanking him for his assistance.

But surely it's not fair to his fellow coaches to make this type of public statement. I wonder how his assistants feel about it.

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# Socceroos end series with The die is cast: success in sight

By LAURIE SCHWAB

With the emergence of John Yzendoorn as a valuable new member of the national squad, it is time to stop experimenting and allow the best 11 to develop into a cohesive unit in the matches ahead.

The Socceroos should gain confidence in front models Indonesia and China (see page one) — confidence necessary to tackle the English FA team, Wales, Northern Ireland and perhaps Yugoslavia in June-July.

When Tony Henderson recovers from injury and Ken Boden from his holiday, the strongest Australian line-up should be:

Greg Woodhouse — John Yzendoorn, Ivo Prskalo, Tony Henderson, Jim Tansey — Ken Boden, Steve Perry, Jim Rooney, Peter Sharpe, Eddie Krcevic, Dennis Cumming.

Although Perry has played mainly at right back so far, he comes closest to being the Ray Richards type of defensive midfielder this team needs.

There is much versatility in the line-up, with Perry able to fill two roles, Yzendoorn and Tansey both able to double as sweeper and Henderson ready to move into midfield if necessary.

The attack has great speed and a high work rate, the midfield features the well-defined lines of Rooney's compact short game and hard work, Perry's dogged marking and destructive qualities and Boden's fine skill and scoring ability.

Most important, all these players are ruthless fighters, as they showed in the 2-2 draw with Czechoslovakia on Saturday night.

Yakka Banovic joined Greg Woodhouse and Marty Crook as one of the three goalkeepers after his excellent play in trial games and in goal for the Victorian Youth team against Australia B (Gulls) the curtain raiser on Saturday.

And there is talent galore on the bench. Players like Mark Jankovic, Gary Cole, Alan

Davidson, George Christopoulos, Phil O'Connor, John Nyskohus, Arno Bertogna etc. can slot easily into the team at any time.

Versatility is evident even among the reserves. Davidson can play in midfield, at left back or even on the wing if necessary. Christopoulos, a goalscoring midfielder, is preferred by Gutendorf as a sweeper.

And so the die is cast. Now the metal must be toughened — and if Gutendorf succeeds in making it even tougher than it was on Saturday night, Australia's international prospects are bright indeed.

Czechoslovakia's national coach Joe Venglos (who, of course, coached Australia in 1967), believes the Socceroos are closer to the 1982 World Cup finals than the Czechs are, taking into account the calibre of their respective opposition in qualifying rounds.

Venglos said he had not thought it possible that Australia could show such spirit after having conceded nine goals in the first two matches of the series. Czechoslovakia had won 4-0 in Canberra and 5-0 in Sydney — results which would drain most teams of morale.

As Gutendorf said afterwards: "It is a miracle. We have been training for only three weeks. I still don't believe it."

"The boys fought like tigers. That is the trademark of the Australian team — fighting spirit. I've never seen a team fighting like our boys did tonight."

It is our greatest result ever. Because Australia never before has played against a team as strong as Czechoslovakia. Let's remember that the Czechs are the



Eddie Krcevic — he and John Yzendoorn were Australia's best.

champions of Europe."

Actually, Australia has had two comparable results — a 2-0 victory over Uruguay at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1974 and a scoreless draw with Chile in the World Cup finals in West Berlin the same year.

Gutendorf said the decisive moment of the match was the 20th minute when he replaced David Jones with John Yzendoorn.

Jones, back in the national team after a two-year absence, had been instructed to close-mark Ladislav Vizek. Steve Perry was shadowing Czechoslovakia's brilliant Footballer of the Year, Zdenek Nehoda.

But Vizek stayed mainly out on the left side, while Nehoda operated in the middle. As a

result, the height of Jones was wasted on the wing, and little Perry was in the middle as centre back.

Gutendorf switched Perry and Jones as soon as this became evident but Jones was not marking as tightly as Gutendorf wanted him to. "He was always too far away from his man," Gutendorf complained after the game when questioned about why he replaced Jones.

The replacement, incidentally, came just after Nehoda's opponent, Nehoda, had scored the goal that put Czechoslovakia into the lead.

Yzendoorn did such a good job of not marking Nehoda, but also beating anyone else who came near him, that he has earned a permanent place in the team.

And poor Jones may be out again.

It brought back memories of 1969 when the great Frank Micic was recalled for the Asian tour, after a three-year absence.

Micic could not handle the muddy conditions against New Zealand in the opening tour match in Saigon and was replaced by Manfred Schaefer.

Schaefer remained in the team as the Socceroos' defensive iron man until 1974, while Micic was recalled only once — for the three-match series against Israel in 1971.

Australia achieved its draw with the Czechs because it was as good a team as no-one expected that the Czechs are far more skilful, fluid, imaginative, experienced, but Australia worked hard to suppress these advantages with tight marking and close pressuring all over the field.

How often did we see Eddie Krcevic following a defender up and even rising high in defence to head clear? How often did we see Tommy Cummings tackling and frustrating right back Jozef Barinos who had caused so much trouble with his offensive raids in Canberra and Sydney?

Krcevic had a memorable game. He worked endlessly at

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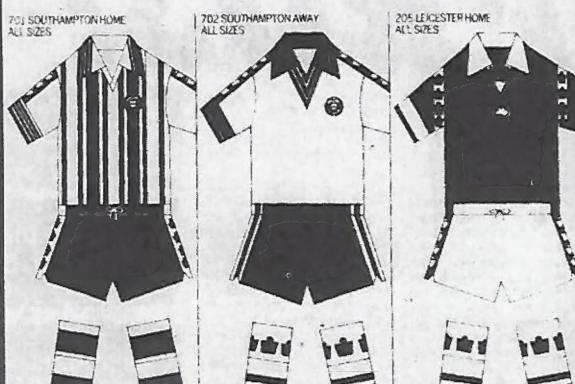
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CZECHOSLOVAKIA 4 (Nehoda 60 and 77 mins, Masny 18 mins, Kroupa 12 mins) SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2 (Kosmina 30 mins, Bozanic 37 mins).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Keketi 7, Barinos 8, (Gogh) Voyacek 8, Dobias 8, Fiala 7, Jarusek 7, Gudjusek (Stambacha) Panenka 8 (Nehoda) Kroupa 7, Masny 9, Vizek 8.

SA: Marhsall 8, B.Nyskohus 8, Bozanic 7, Jones 7, Maricic 7, Dooley 7, Melta 7, Key 6 (Iannace). Kosmina 8, J. Nyskohus 8, Honeyman 7.

BY MENO TOUTSIDIS

the ball before nonchalantly driving it past an incredulous Peter Marshall.

Moments later, Adelaide City midfielder Sergio Melta, a late addition to the team, cracked a lightning ground shot that goalkeeper Keketi smothered.

The Czechs, although moving at half pace, then threatened to destroy SA with its shooting power.

Marhsall saw at least six shots flash past his post and over the bar in the 20 minute shooting barrage which, incredibly SA survived.

But SA refused to be intimidated and bridged the deficit when Kosmina sent Keketi diving the wrong way from the penalty spot in the thirtieth minute.

Reverend Donald Campbell penalised the Czechs for obstructing Kosmina.

Ladislav Vizek threatened to restore the Czechs' two goal lead with a blistering 25 metre drive which flashed around the near post.

But less than a minute later Bozanic hit that marvellous goal.

After almost 12 months without scoring, Bozanic swang a foot on the ball about 35 metres out on a tight angle and saw Keketi deflect the ball into the roof of the net — the ball viciously spinning into the far corner.

Kosmina came perilously close to giving SA the lead with a furious 20 metre shot but Keketi saved brilliantly.

Nehoda, however, came in the 50th minute and only seconds later was on the spot to drive a close range shot past Marshall to give the Czechs a 3-2 lead.

Kroppa and Masny wasted a perfect opportunity in the sixty-fifth minute but Nehoda, the clinical finisher, made no mistake 12 minutes later.

Masny did damage with a penetrating right wing run and a fine cross to Nehoda, who hit the ball hard into the ground and over Marshall's

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# ***fighting draw***

AUSTRALIA 2 (Prskalo penalty 9th, Krnecic 55th) CZECHOSLOVAKIA 2 (Dobias pen. 11th, Nehoda 23rd) at Olympic Park, crowd about 14,200.

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse 8.5 - Perry 9, Jones (Yzendoorn 9.5, 26th), Prskalo 8, Tansey 8 - Christopoulos 7 (Davidson 7, half time), Coyne 7, Rooney 8 - Sharne 8, (injured, Cole 70th), Krnecic 9.5, Cumming 8 (Nyskohus 80th).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Keketi 8 - Barmos 7, Ondrus 8, Jurkemik 7 (Vojacek 7 half time), Gogh 7 - Dobias 9 (Stambach 7, half time), Kozak 8.5, Panenka 8 (Gajdusek 7, half time) - Masny 7.5, Nehoda 8, Vizek 7 (Jarusek 62nd). Referee: Barry Harwood (WA) 7.

## **Face control is what we need**

The Melbourne crowd swung enthusiastically behind the Australian team during its excellent second half, but booted at half time.

Coach Rudi Gutendorf, still angry after the game, said: "There were too many ugly faces in the crowd. From now on we must have face control at the gates."

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trying to create opening or break through himself, yet as soon as the Czech defenders gained possession and moved forward, he was there snapping at their heels.

His 55th minute goal — with a brilliant header from Jimmy Rooney's free kick to the far post — was a fitting bonus for Krnecic and, of course, for Australia.

Australia's other goal — in the 90th minute — came from a penalty that will be entered in the history books.

For start, it probably should not have been awarded. I though Barry Harwood made a harsh decision when he pointed to the spot after Peter Sharne had tripped over Anton Ondrus' foot.

Goalkeeper Dusan Keketi, flown to Australia as the replacement for injured Zdenek Hruska, saved Krnecic's shot but the linesman ruled Keketi had moved too early.

Keketi also saved Krnecic's shot but again, he had moved too early, said the linesman.

Krnecic's mentor, Ivo Prskalo, took matters in his own hands. He placed the ball for the next shot, took it quickly, and kicked it past the post.

But Harwood had not given Prskalo the signal to shoot, so he ordered him to do it again and this time, Prskalo made no mistake.

After four attempts from the penalty spot, Australia had taken the lead — a lead that was to last until Karel Dobias equalised from the penalty at the other end two minutes later.

The Australians seemed overawed in the first half and perhaps a little stiff and sore after their intensive training during the week. They played it tight, but they were being outclassed to an embarrassing degree, forced to chase shadows as the Czechs slung the ball around with grace and ease.

One passage of play featured a string of 18 unbroken passes.

Peter Sharne twice got past Koloman Gogh and twice slung over well-judged crosses but Krnecic, alone in the middle, was outmanoeuvred in the air by Ondrus and Ladislav Jurkemik.

Australia was to be much more effective in the second half, when Sharne and Krnecic operated closer together, with more support from behind.

Sharne's speed caused the Czechs problems many times. Neither Gogh, nor Christopoulos' speed could match it and it was.

Greg Woodhouse was in top form in Australia's goal. During that early, sharp period, Woodhouse made a brilliant save of a hard curling shot by Dobias even though he had to change direction.

He also stopped a powerful shot by midfielder Jan Kozak.

Keketi also played well in Czechoslovakia's goal. Krnecic looked set to score on an excellent through ball from George Christopoulos but Keketi saved with a reflex action by sticking out a leg.

Davidson, returning from Christopoulos at half time and Australia resumed with a promising attacking attack in which Sharne laid the ball back to Krnecic who passed to Rooney who played it to Sharne but the shot was off target.

Then, Yzendoorn and Prskalo began to attack alternately through the middle, giving us a glimpse of what Gutendorf wants from at least one of his centre backs.

Prskalo was forced to floor Nehoda and accepted the yellow card in preference to the goal Nehoda would have scored.

Coyne also was shown the card for fouling Nehoda who reacted by kicking off his shoe at Coyne.

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Ivo Prskalo drops to his knees in relief after the final whistle at Olympic Park.

## **Czechs played keepings-off**

By KYLE PATTERSON

For the soccer purist at last Saturday night's Australia v Czechoslovakia game, the highlight came midway through the first half.

It was then that the Czechs strung together 18 passes in rapid succession in a restricted space; a display which brought rapturous applause from the spectators and made the Australian defence look helpless in a one-sided play of 'keepings-off'.

But the breathtaking move didn't produce a goal, or even a shot at the target. In fact, the Czechs didn't gain territorially from the move.

This indicates that the Australian defence did its job by preventing the Czechs working the ball into a dangerous forward position.

Yet the 10-man blanket defence did delay the Czechs on that occasion but this doesn't detract from the technical brilliance of the move.

It was a perfect demonstration of the Czechs' ability to keep possession, using precision passing, immaculate close control and shielding of the ball, and superb off-ball running. This, in essence, is the basis of the Czech team's game.

The ball was moved forward by right back Jozef Barmos, who played a pass down the line to forward Marian Masny. The next few seconds saw some great Czech magic.

At least five players were involved in the lightning-quick exchanges, which saw the ball speed accurately from man to man in uncanny fashion.

The Czechs were constantly moving in a bid to shake off their Australian 'shadows' and create space for team-mates to exploit.

The ball was played into a forward position but with space heavily restricted, there was no opening. Instead of trying the impossible and dribbling through the jumble of bodies, the Czechs played the ball either square or back.

Then the probing would start again, testing each avenue of attack. Once more, if there was no chance to put a tall ball forward or no opportunity for a Czech player to dribble his opponent, a pass would be made to a player square or supporting from behind.

The Czechs didn't risk losing possession unless there was opportunity to exploit space or strike telling passes.

It was beautiful to watch, free-flowing, but intricate soccer played by world-class players.

The superb move gave an all too brief insight to the capabilities of the Czech national team. Perhaps Melbourne didn't see the best of the Czechs after their powerful 4-0 and 5-0 victories over Australia in the two previous internationals played in Canberra and Sydney.

The 2-2 draw with Australia in Melbourne is no disaster for Czechoslovakia. The Czechs were far better than early, having more shots at goal, perhaps 75% of the player and never losing in real danger in defence.

But the Czechs' negative tactics succeeded in throwing the Czechs off their game; Czech attacks often broke down in the last third of the field.

In the first 45 minutes, the Czechs were aggressive and functional, and their short-passing, possession game pulled the Australian defence out of position many times.

Leading 2-1 at half time, Czech coach Joe Menglos was perhaps slightly charitable in making three changes at the interval. A fourth substitution in the 61st minute further affected the Czechs' rhythm and co-ordination.

It was this factor which allowed Australia to worry the Czechs defend in the period after the break. The Czechs were reorganised but Australia's Eddie Krnecic had already equalised (in the 55th minute).

The Krnecic goal must have made Menglos cringe. The Marconi forward was allowed to head at goal unchallenged at the far post. No Czech defender had picked up his run from the right side of the penalty area or challenged Krnecic in the air when he met Jimmy Rooney's curved free kick from the left.

Late in the second half, the Czech attacks lost their inventiveness. On several occasions, Czech players simply hoisted a cross into the goal mouth.

The Czechs had hardly played a ball in the first half but frustration at being constantly faced with a 10-man defence saw them resort to crosses.

Still, the Czechs gave a polished, professional display, and the match would not have disappointed the crowd. The Melbourne international game, unlike the previous two clashes in Sydney and Canberra, was a contest.

It was only due to sheer frustration that the Czechs lost a bit of purpose towards the end.

## **Scheinflug Roos' No. 2**

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Les Scheinflug is almost certain to be named assistant national coach.

This is the impression given to me by Rudi Gutendorf at the farewell dinner organised by Melbourne club Slavia for the Czechoslovakian team on Saturday night.

Scheinflug (pictured), who led Marconi to the national championships last year, was named 1978 Coach of the Year by the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA).

Gutendorf's preference for Scheinflug as his assistant is four-fold:

1. Scheinflug has the experience, having been assistant national coach to Rale Basic in the 1973-74 World Cup campaign, and captain of Australia in the 1965 World Cup games;

2. He encourages Marconi to play the type of offensive football Gutendorf likes to see the Soccerco play;

3. The nucleus of the national team plays for Marconi;

4. Gutendorf and Scheinflug already have a good working relationship, they both speak German and Scheinflug signed Soccerco Eddie Krnecic and Peter Raskopoulos on strong recommendations from Gutendorf.



## **Bad for our image!**

By KYLE PATTERSON

FIFA president Joao Havelange is due to visit Australia in September this year and no doubt the Australian Soccer Federation will do some extensive Spring cleaning and project a glossy image for our influential visitor.

Much of the visible 'dirt' will be swept under the carpet and the loose ends hurriedly tucked in when Mr. Havelange arrives, in the hope that the FIFA boss gets a good impression of the way things are in Australia.

Perhaps the ASF should worry more as much about Australian soccer's image in the eyes of the Australian public.

Several aspects of last Saturday night's international were harmful to the image of the national team.

The appearance of the players was the first sore spot. Coach Rudi Gutendorf led out 18 players in various dress for a warm up. Some were ready to play; others who were in the starting line-up had track suits on; one player wore grey(?) track suit slacks and another a red track suit jacket.

The Czechs, in comparison, were perfectly uniformed in dress, not that it takes professionals from Europe to know how to dress in the correct manner.

The next demerit concerns the antics from the bench.

Gutendorf gestured towards the crowd and was constantly up and down shoving at his players.

Another bad feature was the use of eight substitutes. The ASF agreement on the Czech tour was that four substitutes and a reserve goalkeeper could enter the game.

However, when this rule is blatantly abused and an uninjured player is substituted after 26 minutes, the crowd must wonder what is going on.

Would any of these things happen in an international game anywhere else in the world? Do all international players dress incorrectly? Do all national coaches and assistants run onto the ground? Do other countries allow eight substitutions in an international game?

The most important question is: Why does it happen in Australia?

The Australia v. Czechoslovakia game was classed a grade A international by FIFA. This means the Czechs ranked in the top category of international soccer.

Taking into account the dubious quality of refereeing, the 'lock out' of spectators before the curtain-raiser and the policy of Rudi Gutendorf to introduce players to his squad only days before the big game and the situation is pretty bleak.

I shudder to think what Joao Havelange would make of it if he were here to witness it.

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# Wollongong new boys shock Croatia

**Wollongong Utd appointed Mike Johnson (ex Sutherland and St George) as coach and promptly rewarded him with a first up win over Croatia in the Ampol Cup, with a late penalty goal by Girsa.**

Croatia paraded stars Coleman, Savor, Watson, A. Kovacic, M. Kovacic, G. Smith, Basic and Cagalj, but the absence of Abonyi was obvious in this defeat.

The side from the South Coast showed plenty of skill but it is difficult to see them stopping Croatia in full flight.

Unfortunately for tri-colours, they did not have a player who could organise their ranks and attack with purpose and imagination.

There was too much pushing and shoving, while service to the attack was almost zero. To be a threat in this year's Cup it is imperative that some semblance of style be brought into operation.

Despite this setback I feel Croatia should qualify for the quarter finals with a win over Marrickville in its last round match. Wollongong would in turn need a point against Kuringal to clinch its quarterfinals place.

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In group "B" only two games have been played to date but the pattern is quite obvious, with Auburn and Bankstown leading the group. Their performances to date can look towards first and second spot in the group. Bankstown is favoured to take the lead.

Monaro, with the loss of Valeri and Giampaolo as well as Bourke, could not plug up the holes and were comprehensively beaten by Bankstown. It could have been even worse but for a late (and dubious) penalty given to Monaro.

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Group "C" is an open and shut case. Sydney Olympic is in the quarter finals while Sutherland is on its way. It is difficult to see how Parramatta and Manly could upset either.

Sydney Olympic is playing without Ken Wilcock and Graham Jennings, two of their star players, but still manages to slaughter the opposition, while Sutherland is far better than its 1-0 win over Manly in the second round indicates. Despite the loss of Belegs, Hall and almost certainly Schumann, Sutherland looks a good bet for the quarter finals.

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In group "D", Avala has messed up early calculations with its fine win over Melita. It is difficult to predict the outcome of this group as the third round matches could change everything.

Ancilffe Scots look a safe bet for the quarters, while Avala must win to remain in second spot. If Avala takes only a point out of its last quarterfinals on goal difference.

North Sydney on 2 points could spoil all calculations by taking a point from Melita while hoping that Avala loses to clinch its final eight spot.

My Quarterfinal draw: Wollongong — Auburn, Croatia — Banksy, Sydney Olympic — Avala, Ancilffe — Sutherland. Sydney Olympic, Croatia, Wollongong and Ancilffe to go to the semifinals.

**Details**

**GROUP "A":** Croatia — Kuringal 4:1, Wollongong — Marrickville (Postponed to 20-2-20)

**Round 2:** Wollongong — Croatia 1:0, Kuringal — Marrickville 4:3

**TABLE**

Wollongong	1:0 2
Croatia	4:2 2
Kuringal	5:7 2
Marrickville	3:4

**Round 3:** Kuringal — Wollongong, Seymour Shaw, 9.00 pm (12.28.00)

**Croatia — Marrickville, St George Stadium, 9.00 (15.2.80)**

**Postponed games:** Wollongong — Marrickville, 20.2.80

**GROUP "B":** Bankstown — Yugal (postponed)

**Auburn — Monaro (postponed)**

**Round 2:** Auburn — Yugal 2:0, Banksy — Monaro 4:2

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TABLE	
Auburn	2:0 2
Bankstown	4:2 2
Monaro	2:4 0
Yugal	0:2 0
Round 3: Bankstown — Auburn, St George Stadium, 9.00 pm (13.2.80)	
Yugal — Monaro, St George Stadium, 7.15 (15.2.80)	
GROUP "C": Sydney Olympic — Manly 1:0,	
Sutherland — Parramatta (postponed)	
Round 2: Sydney Olympic — Parramatta	
4:0, Sutherland — Manly 1:0	

TABLE	
Sydney Olympic	5:0 4
Sutherland	1:0 2
Manly	0:2 0
Parramatta	0:4 0
Round 3: Parramatta — Manly, 7.15 pm, St George Stadium (13.2.80)	
Sydney Olympic — Sutherland, Seymour Shaw Park, 9.00 pm (15.2.80)	
Results in group "D": North Sydney — Avala 2:1, Arncliffe — Melita 1:1.	
Round 2: Avala — Melita 1:0, Arncliffe — North Sydney 4:2.	

TABLE	
Avala	5:3 3
Ancilffe	2:2 2
North Sydney	4:5 2
Melita	1:2 1
Round 3: Avala — Arncliffe, Seymour Shaw, 7.15 (13.2.80)	
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## Sutherland 1 Manly 0

**Scorer:** Meades  
**Referee:** B. Fowler B.  
**Crowd:** 2375 (D.H.)  
**Yellow cards:** Nil.

**SUTHERLAND:** Hayes 9, Holman 8, Woods 7, Dal Forno 7, Watkins 7, Smith 8, Tait 6, Doherty 8, Rogers 7 (Murphy 67), Bush 7, Harrington 8.

**MANLY:** Cassettari 8, Moutte 6, Hiseck 7, Doyle 7, Townsend 6, Geoghegan 6 (Burkett 88), Riley 8, Jack 8, Nawau 6, Rozendahl 6, Sturt 6.

Without Belegs, Hall, Schumann and with the evergreen Johnny Watkins leading its youngsters, Sutherland did not start favourites in this second round match of the Ampol Cup.

Without a number of last year's stars, Sutherland showed much more purpose and initiative to score a narrow but convincing victory. The Manly youngsters in the second round indicates. Despite the loss of Belegs, Hall and almost certainly Schumann, Sutherland looks a good bet for the quarter finals.

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Steve Meades made amends with a well-taken goal in the 25th minute. An accurate through pass by Bobby Smith found Meades too fast for the Manly defence and Cassettari had no answer for that shot sailed past his outstretched arms.

Sutherland continued to attack and with the exception of a short period just after half time, managed to hold the upper hand

throughout, but failed to add to their score. Manly almost surprised the Cronulla side with some swift counter-attacking moves in the second half but Mal Hayes brilliantly saved to keep his side in front.

Frustrated, Croatia had their captain Greg Smith booked towards the end of the game to cap an unhappy evening for the favourites.

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**Goals:** Laing, C. Eaton 2, Housseini.

**Referee:** D. Pritchard 7.

**Stadium:** St George.

**Yellow cards:** O'May.

**Crowd:** 2378 (Double header).

**Yellow card:** G. Smith (Cr.)

**WOLLONGONG UTD:** M. Terzovski 8, Naumovski 7, Vilestra 8, Trajkovski 7, N. Trajkovski 8, C. Tavelski 8, H. Sutin 7, R. Sutin 7, Daskovski 8, Trajkovski 7, Binghams 7, Coates 7, Cagaj 8, Kostic 7, Kostic 8, Tait 7, Kousas 7, Eaton 8, Laing 8.

**CROATIA:** Watson 8, A. Kovacic 8, Cagaj 6, Basic 7, Sutin 8, Daskovski 6 (Rezo 6-6), Tait 6, Eaton 8, Savo 8, Coleman 8, M. Kovacic 7, Cootes 7 (Murphy 4-5), Mitchell 7, Hayde 8, Roden 8, Heare 5, Brizuela 6.

Wollongong Utd, playing in their first ever Ampol Cup, surprised the Sydney champions Croatia, with some skillful football to take the points at St George Stadium.

Playing against a strong wind in the first half, Croatia managed to create the first chance of the game after 30 minutes. Wally Savo faced Terzovski, but the keeper managed to block the shot by the Croatia mid-fielder and keep the scoreline blank.

Vilestra replaced injured Naumovski towards the end of the first half to add to Wollongong's troubles at the back, but the team from Cronulla managed not only to hold their own but to frequently pierce Croatia's defence.

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## Frankston recruit lost his place to Bobby Moore

By PETER DESIRE

**Victoria's present holders of the most appearances in the English League are about to relinquish their title to a player who is due to join Frankston City later this month.**

**Alun Evans and Billy Wilkinson are Melbourne's most experienced English League campaigners.**

Evans' career in England took him from Wolves (20 appearances) via Liverpool (77) and Aston Villa (53) to Walsall (78) for a total of 228 league matches.

Wilkinson played for most of his career with Hull City (209) then spent a season at Rotherham United (14) for a total 223 league matches before going to America to play for Boston Minutemen.

However their career record easily is surpassed by that of Jimmy Dunne, Frankston's big capture, who has signed a three-year contract with the club.

Dunne piled up a total of 386 appearances in a career that spanned 13 years in English soccer.

Dunne was at Irish club Shelbourne before joining Millwall in 1966. The following year he joined Torquay United and spent three seasons there before transferring to Fulham for \$15,000 in 1970.

He helped Fulham in promotion to the Second Division in his first season and then totted up 97 Second Division matches in a four-year stint before making way for a player by the name of Bobby Moore in the Fulham side.

Dunne subsequently rejoined Torquay in April 1976 and figured either in midfield or defence for a further three seasons to bring his number of appearances for the club to 244.

Admittedly Frankston's buy has spent the larger part of his career in the Third & Fourth Divisions, whereas Evans and Wilkinson played mostly in the First and Second Division respectively.

However there is no escaping the fact that Dunne's experience will prove invaluable to the baysiders as they attempt to better last year's achievement of finishing league runners-up.

\* Frankston City's new signing Jimmy Dunne (second from left, standing), with the 1971 Fulham team. The players are, standing from left: Vic Halom, Jimmy Dunne, Reg Mathewson, Malcolm Webster, Mike Pentecost, Stan Horne, Terry Medwin (coach), Stan Brown. Front: Jimmy Conway, George Johnston, Steve Earle, Barry Lloyd, Les Barrett, Fred Colleghan.

Dunne, 31, who represented the Republic of Ireland in 1971 against Austria, will arrive in Melbourne in two weeks' time with his wife Linda and children Nicholas 9, and Tracy 2.

Frankston already has lined up a job for him as a sales representative and hopes that he will settle into the side quickly and help bring out the best in the club's youngsters.

**FOOTNOTE:** One person whom Dunne is certain to look up in due course is George Potter, the Brisbane Lions defender. The two were team mates at Torquay in 1969 when Potter followed manager Allan Brown from Luton to the Gulls.

**Career Record:** 1968 Millwall Nil apps. 1967 - 70 Torquay 125 apps 13 gls  
(Div 3) 1970 - 71 Fulham 45 apps 1 gl  
(Div 2) 1971 - 72 Fulham 30 apps -  
(Div 2) 1972-73 Fulham 32 apps -  
(Div 2) 1973-74 Fulham 35 apps + 1 sub  
(Div 3) 1975-76 Torquay 1 app  
(Div 4) 1976-77 Torquay 40 apps  
(Div 4) 1977-78 Torquay 35 apps 4 gls  
(Div 4) 1978-79 Torquay 43 apps  
Born Dublin, 5ft 9in, 10st 11lb

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The United States and Canada as part of the Oceania Confederation . . . it's an interesting concept suggested this week by a prominent soccer official from Dallas, Texas.

Ron Griffiths, a director of the giant junior club the Texas Longhorns, says ASF president Sir Arthur George also favors the suggestion.

Giffiths has been talking with Australian officials about the possibility of sending Australian junior teams to Dallas to compete in the Dallas Cup tournament for under 19, 16 and 14 age groups.

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"In many ways, the U.S. and Australia are similar in soccer. We both have young national leagues, we both are striving to promote the game at grass roots level, and we have the same problems regarding distance. Going from Melbourne to Perth is like going from Los Angeles to Florida."

"From what I see, Australia and New Zealand are progressive."

The U.S. and Canada also are progressive. It would be a great move to get these countries together under one confederation."

Meanwhile, the U.S. hopes to qualify for the finals of the World Youth Championships, to be staged in Australia next year.

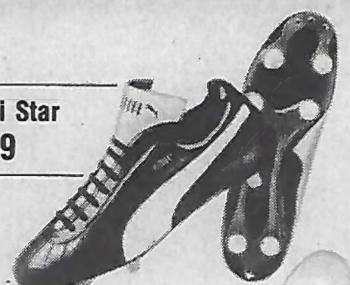
Canada reached the last finals, played in Japan last year.

Giffiths is tournament director of the Dallas Cup for which he is trying to drum up interest here and in New Zealand.

Clubs or States interested in competing in the Cup next year should write to Griffiths at 14027 Floyd Road, Dallas, Texas 75240, USA. His phone number in Dallas is 214/231-3855.

His own club, the Texas Longhorns, has played an amazing 355 matches against overseas teams. The longhorns under 18s also won the Munich Cup in West Germany.

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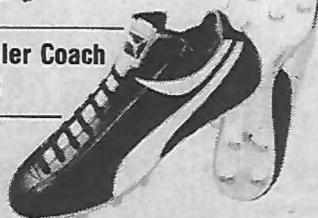
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## U.S. should join Oceania: official

By LAURIE SCHWAB

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Colombia	5	2		3	5	1	40	Brazil	8	4	1	17	4	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	6	2*	70
Brazil	8	4	1	3	17	4	50	Paraguay	13	4	1	9	1	2	1	2	4	3	10	17	6	21	62
Paraguay	13	4	1	8	9	1	31	Chile	12	4	2	11	1	3	3	3	10	17	6	4	19	18*	61
Chile	12	4	2	7	11	1	33	Bolivia	6	3		7	3	1	2	3	4	8	3	7	10*	50	
Bolivia	6	3		7	3	1	50	Argentina	11	2	1	7	3	1	3	4	10	13	4	4	17	16*	45
Argentina	11	2	1	3	7	7	33	Peru	8	2		6	4	1	2	1	2	2	4	8	9*	38	
Peru	8	2		2	6	4	50	Uruguay	8	2	1	6	4	1	5	2	10	11	2	5	8	14*	31
Uruguay	8	2	1	1	3	3	50	Ecuador	6	1		3	3	1	3	2	6	1	4	5	9*	25	
Ecuador	6	1		1	1	1	50	Venezuela	4			1	1	2	2	11	*	2	2	1	12*	25	

Colombia out-ranks mighty Brazil and Argentina in the South American national team standings, compiled according to international results.

Internationals played (home team first)  
April  
Argentina 2 Bulgaria 1

1. Brazil 6 Paraguay 0,  
Holland 0 Argentina 0,  
Italy 2 Argentina 2,  
Brazil 5 Uruguay 1.  
JUNE

Irish Rep 0 Argentina 0,  
Scotland 1 Argentina 3,  
Chile 0 Ecuador 0.

JULY  
Bolivia 3 Paraguay 1,  
Chile 1 Uruguay 0, Bolivian 2 Argentina 1, Peru 2 Ecuador 1, Uruguay 2 Chile 1, Peru 0 Colombia 1, Bolivia 2 Brazil 1.

AUGUST  
Venezuela 0 Colombia 0,  
Venezuela 1 Chile 1,  
Colombia 1 Chile 0,  
Brazil 2 Argentina 2, Argentina 3 Bolivia 0,

## Colombia leads Latin giants

SEPTEMBER  
Brazil 2 Bolivia 0, Argentina 2 Brazil 2, Paraguay 2 Bolivia 0, Colombia 4 Venezuela 0, Chile 7 Venezuela 0, Ecuador 1 Paraguay 2, Peru 2 Uruguay 0.

## The modest Chinese...

(Extracts from an interview with the General Secretary of the All-China Sports Federation, Mr. He Zhen-liang, which appeared in "L'Equipe", Paris on 17 October 1979 after the re-affiliation of the Football Association of the People's Republic of China).

"We hope to be in Spain in 1982."

"The solution which has been found is the most re-

alistic one. It gives the footballers from the province of Taiwan the possibility of continuing to play. There is nothing to prevent even players from China from playing against them..."

...This return to China is important not only in the sporting sense but also with regard to friendly relations among the peoples...

gentina 2, Scotland 1 Peru 1, Paraguay 0 Uruguay 2 Paraguay 2.

OCTOBER  
Peru 1 Chile 2, Paraguay 2 Brazil 1, Chile 0 Peru 0, Brazil 2 Paraguay 2, Peru 2 Paraguay 3, Mexico 1 Peru 0.

NOVEMBER  
Paraguay 3 Chile 0.

DECEMBER  
Chile 1 Paraguay 0, Paraguay 0 Chile 0.

# ITALY THE IN EUROPE

The most open European championship finals in years — and not just because eight teams take part now instead of four.

That was the general verdict when officials had put aside their national preferences after the draw for the June finals.

Italy, hosts and winners when they last staged the finals in 1968, appear to have the slightly easier task — with two outsiders in Spain and Belgium in their group. But they know they must beware and England keen for revenge for the World Cup elimination.

However it's the other group that promises the most dramatic moments — with West Germany, Holland and Czechoslovakia all genuine contenders and only Greece as lightweights.

Rome's Olympic stadium will host both the opening match and the grand final — the first fixture of the tournament being holders Czechoslovakia against West Germany, a repeat of the 1976 final.

England start in Turin the next day with Belgium, the comparatively easy start manager Ron Greenwood had set his heart on.

The group winners meet in the final, the second-placed teams in the third-place match. There are no semi-finals in between, and if the final is all-square after extra time there will be a replay on June 24.

### THE FINALISTS ENGLAND

Ron Greenwood's guidance has restored a great deal of pride and determination to England, and though he rates his men only fourth in Europe, they could well make matters tough for Italy.

If, as seems likely, the teams battle out a draw, then it will be the comparative records against Spain and Belgium which separate them — and England.

land look more likely to run up the goals than their hosts.

Whatever misgivings there may be at home about whether Greenwood wants 4-3-3 or 4-2-4, it is a fact that Kevin Keegan and Co are a force very much feared on the Continent, where Trevor Brooking is probably rated far higher than in Britain.

### ITALY

Winners in 1968 when they hosted these finals before. Then they beat Yugoslavia 2-0 luckily in a replayed final in Rome. And only one man is likely to survive, goalkeeper Dino Zoff.

He's Italy's captain even though his league form lately has been patchy with Juventus, who provide the bulk of the rest of the team in sweeper Gaetano Scirea, left-back Antonio Cabrini, midfield Marco Tardelli and forwards Franco Causio and Roberto Bettega (though Romeo Benetti has gone).

Manager Enzo Bearzot, now in his fifth year in sole charge, is keeping to the team which finished fourth in Argentina, even if several are long in the tooth — with notable exceptions such as ganciaro Antognoni and world record \$3 million centre-forward Paolo Rossi.

Despite pressure from fans and the media Bearzot is likely to reject pleas to bring in comparatively untried youngsters in attack such as Sandro Altobelli (Inter) and Bruno Giordano (Lazio).

### SPAIN

Ladislao Kubala, Spain's Hungarian-born boss, is the longest-serving manager in the finals, having been in charge more than 10 years. But these finals are personally vital because his contract expires at the end of June and if he is to lead Spain into their own 1982 World Cup Finals, his men must put up a decent show.

The Spanish don't expect to win. Even their fans couldn't fail to read the signs

# YUGOSLAVIA BE

Europe's most successful team will not compete in the European championships in Italy.

Yugoslavia, under brilliant coach Miljan Miljanic, won each of its six internationals in 1979, scoring 18 goals to four for a 100 per cent success rate.

However, it lost to Spain and Rumania in 1978 before Miljanic took over, and so it failed to qualify for the European finals.

European rankings for 1979, based on international results:

## England defeats Eire 2-0

England beat the Republic of Ireland 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in their last remaining European championship group one qualifying match at Wembley Stadium on London.

Scorer Kevin Keegan (34th and 74th mins). Attendance: 90,299.

Final group standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Goals
YUGOSLAVIA	6	6	0	0	18	4	0	18
West Germany	9	7	2	0	20	5	21	23
France	6	5	0	1	17	7	2	21
Austria	8	5	3	0	16	7	2	23
England	10	7	2	1	23	6	2	21
Poland	11	7	3	1	21	5	2	21
Belgium	7	4	2	1	10	4	1	19
Italy	5	3	1	1	9	6	1	19
Czechoslovakia	9	6	0	3	20	9	2	20
Turkey	7	4	1	2	7	5	1	19
Holland	8	4	2	2	12	8	2	21
Russia	14	6	4	4	21	15	3	22
Hungary	8	3	3	2	12	10	2	18
East Germany	12	5	2	5	18	15	1	18
Portugal	5	2	1	2	6	6	0	11
Wales	8	3	2	3	9	10	2	11
Denmark	9	3	2	4	11	11	1	11
Romania	9	2	3	4	11	11	1	11
Sweden	12	3	3	3	13	15	2	15
Greece	4	1	1	2	2	7	0	7
Ire	10	3	1	6	12	13	1	13
Bulgaria	10	3	1	6	8	16	1	16
Spain	6	1	2	3	7	9	0	9
Finland	9	1	4	4	6	11	1	11
Scotland	9	2	2	5	6	16	2	16
N. Ireland	8	2	1	5	5	17	1	17
Switzerland	7	2	0	5	6	15	0	15
Norway	7	1	0	6	4	16	1	16
Malta	5	0	1	5	4	20	0	20
Cyprus	5	0	1	5	4	14	0	14
Luxembourg	5	0	1	5	4	14	0	14
Iceland	6	0	0	6	6	15	0	15
Israel	2	1	0	1	4	2	0	2

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# FAVORITE AN FINALS

evident in the poor displays (0-1 at home v Yugoslavia; 3-1 away v Cyprus) in the last two qualifiers.

But they hope to do reasonably well, with a team lacking the veteran Jose Pirri, who has returned from international football. They will, however, in-

clude many of their World Cup men, including strikers Dani, Quini and Marto—back after an 18 month UEFA suspension—and rugged centre-back Miguel.

A clue to their form will come in the spring friendly against England.

## BELGIUM

Outsiders, who surprised even themselves by qualifying at the expense of the more fancied Austria, Portugal and Scotland—who they beat 3-1 at Hampden in December thanks to two goals from Anderlecht star, Francois Van der Elst.

Belgium are in a major finals tournament for the first time since finishing third when hosts in 1972.

But though they have some promising youngsters such as forwards Jan Ceulemans and Eddy Voordereels, their unbeaten qualification owed the most to the gamble of manager Guy Thys in recalling 35-year-old Wilfrid Van Moer to direct the midfield again, after more than four years in the international wilderness.

## HOLLAND

Would Holland have been more adventurous, consistently in the 1978 World Cup if Jan Zwartkamp had been allowed to continue as manager instead of being relegated to No 2 under Ernst Happel?

The Euro finals could answer this question, for the 53-year-old ex-air force officer is back as No 1 and has done well to beat an injury crisis which has forced continual changes in midfield.

**Continued Next Week**

# USSR IN THREE OF FIVE FINALS

## Previous European Championship finals:

1960 in Paris

USSR 2 (Metreveli, Ponedelnik) YUGOSLAVIA 1 (Nettel's own goal), a.e.t.

USSR: Yashin, Tchekeli, Kroutikov, Voinov, Maslenkin, Netto, Metreveli, Ivanov, Ponedelnik, Bubukin, Meshki.

YUGOSLAVIA: Vidinic, Durkovic, Jusufi, Zanetic, Miladinovic, Perusic, Sekularac, Jervik, Galic, Matus, Kos-tic.

1964 in Madrid

SPAIN 2 (Perea, Marcellino) USSR 1 (Khusainov).

SPAIN: Iribar, Rivilla, Calleja, Fuste, Olivella, Zoco, Amancio, Perea, Marcellino, Suarez, Lepetra.

USSR: Yashin, Chustikov, Mudrik, Voronin, Shesternev, Anitschin, Chislenko, Ivanov, Ponedelnik, Kor-naev, Khusainov.

1968 in Rome

ITALY 2 (Riva, Anastasi) YUGOSLAVIA 0.

ITALY: Zoff, Burgnich, Faccetti, Rosato, Guarneri, Salvadore, Domenighini, Mazzola, Anastasi, De Sisti, Riva.

## EUROPEAN CUPS DRAW

The draws for the quarter-finals of the three major European club competitions were made in Rome at the same time the European championship was sorted out.

CHAMPIONS' CUP — Hamburg v Hajduk Split; Nottingham Forest (holders) v Dynamo E. Berlin; Strasbourg v Ajax Amsterdam; Celtic v Real Madrid.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP — Arsenal v

YUGOSLAVIA: Pantelic, Fazlagic, damjanovic, Pavlovic, Paunovic, Holcer, Hasic, Acimovic, Musemic, Trivic, Djajic.

1972 in Brussels

WEST GERMANY 3 (Mueller 2, Wimmer) USSR 0.

WEST GERMANY: Maier, Hoettges, Schwarzenbeck, Beckenbauer, Breitner, Hoenes, Wimmer, Netzer, Heynckes, Mueller, Kremer.

USSR: Rudakov, Dzodzuashvili, Khurtsilava, Kaplichny, Istomin, Troshkin, Kolotov, Baidachini, Konkov (Dolmatov), Banishevski (Kozinkiev), Onishenko.

1976 in Belgrade

CZECHOSLOVAKIA 2 (Svehlik, Dobias) WEST GERMANY 2 (D. Mueller, Hoezelbein) after extra time. Czechoslovakia won 5-3 on penalties.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Viktor, Dobias (F. Vesely), Pivarnik, Ondrus, Capkovic, Gogh, Modre, Panenka, Svehlik (Jurkemik), Masny, Nehoda.

WEST GERMANY: Maier, Vogts, Beckenbauer, Schwarzenbeck, Dietz, Bonhof, Wimmer (Flobbe), D. Mueller, Beer (Bongartz), Hoenes, Hoezelbein.

The draws are to be played on March 5 and 19.

# Brazilian to replace Keegan?

From JIM COOK, our European correspondent

Hamburg has an unknown Brazilian on six-months trial hoping he may replace Kevin Keegan. The player, Pacheco Waldemir Azambua cost only the air fare from Sao Paulo.

Czechoslovakia's star sweeper Anton Ondrus and international captain is likely to get permission to play abroad after the finals of the European championship. Now 29, he is tipped to go to West Germany, Italy or England.

If Laurie Cunningham, the former West Brom wingerman selected for the England squad against Northern Ireland, actually plays he could face a 5,000 pound fine and even lengthy suspension from his present club Real Madrid.

The stadiums of Real Madrid and Barcelona, already among the best in the world, are getting extensive facilities for the 1982 World Cup. More than \$6 million has been allocated for modernisation.

Madrid's Estadio Bernabeu — setting for this season's European Cup Final — gets the World Cup Final, with Barcelona staging the opening game. The plan for Barcelona's ground includes raising the capacity from 90,000 to 120,000.

Kevin Mabbett, the star 21-year-old striker of struggling Bristol City, is having his life made hell by some football hooligans in the city. First they vandalised his 15,000 pounds Lotus Esprit car and now they have forced him to move from his 35,000 pounds luxury flat.

Brian Clough has made no bones that he wants to be boss of Barcelona — the club he rejected 10 years ago. Reports indicate that Cloughie doesn't see eye to eye with new Forest chairman Geoffrey McPherson, a local textile boss.

Little Harlow Town, the Isthmian League club and this year's F.A. Cup hero, has received offers from seven league clubs for its players.

No wonder Fourth Division side Wigan Athletic was rubbing its hands in glee after its 3-0 Cup defeat by near neighbors Everton. For Wigan shared a mere 52,000 gate — highest of the round.

Ray Stewart, the under 21 Scotland defender who joined West Ham at the start of the season for £450,000 pounds from Dundee United, is a real penalty expert. He has scored seven out of seven for the Hammers so far.

If you want a bet on the eventual F.A. Cup winner, then Bobby Robson, the Ipswich manager, says his

## Money's the evil: Schon

Former West German national coach Heinzl Schon feels football in his country and throughout the world is going through a dangerous crisis.

Thus, he has advocated a "re-discovery of technique", and warned about changing the laws.

Schon says the root of the evil lies in the money. He warned about placing physical fitness even more in the foreground to the disadvantage of tactics and technique in the fight for titles and money.

The evidently widespread opinion of many responsible parties that the worst coach was still good enough for youth players was therefore also of grave consequence.

soccer has been sacked by the club he took back to the First Division two years ago. Name is Ian Greaves of Bolton Wanderers who without a shadow of doubt will be back with a top side very soon.

In the Liverpool v Bury F.A. cup tie Alan Kennedy of the Kop side will be up against his older brother Keith who plays for Bury.

Bobby Stokes, who scored Southampton's goal in its F.A. Cup final win against Manchester United in 1976, has been playing with non-league Cheltenham but has now left to rejoin his American club Washington Diplomats.

Bristol City's finances are so bad that promotions officer is trying to lay on two concerts by Paul McCartney and his Wings group. City also is threatened with relegation.

Argentinian Raphael Villacanzo has recently had trials with Wolves and Spanish club Huelva.

One of the most respected managers in English

recently turned down a huge offer to coach an American club.

Ian Callaghan now passed Bobby Charlton's record of F.A. Cup tie appearances. Cally, the former Liverpool and England player presently with Swansea City, is in his 21st season of league football.

Billy Bremner, manager of Doncaster Rovers, has been fined 200 pounds by the F.A. after being found guilty of using insulting language to a referee.

Bobby Smith, boss of Swindon Town, is wanted as manager of Bolton Wanderers. But as Bolton is likely to be in the Second Division and Swindon may also get promotion to that division, Smith is unlikely to make an early decision.

Ricardo Villa, Tottenham's Argentine international rates Kenny Dalglish higher than any other player in the First Division.

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# Poulakakis to Juventus: Rooney 'no' to H'berg

**Manny Poulakakis** last Thursday night signed a \$30,000 two-year contract to coach Victorian State League club Juventus.

Poulakakis said he had turned down a one-year contract with similar terms offered by Heidelberg, which he coached to second place in the Phillips League last season.

On taking up his new position, Poulakakis revealed his first impression of the Juventus team was one of 'disappointment.'

Poulakakis watched Juventus in action for the first time last Sunday, in an Ampol Cup match against Sunshine City.

Juventus lost the ordinary-standard game on penalties.

"There is a lot of improvement needed at Juventus," said Poulakakis, "but touches thrive on a challenge. My challenge is to lift Juventus to the top of the State League."

Poulakakis, who coached Juventus twice before (in 1968 and 1974), will lead the Italian-sponsored club into a make-or-break two seasons.

If the Juventus recession continues, it seems highly unlikely the club will ever regain its former greatness.

Poulakakis said much of his work would be laying a foundation for the future.

"My objective is to organise a good nucleus of players, to appoint scouts to find top juveniles, employ expert coaches to develop these players and even offer the youngsters scholarships to help their education," said Poulakakis.

"It's a long-term plan, but we must start immediately, as there is a lot of work to do."

Poulakakis added that the senior team wouldn't be neglected.

"The first team is the window of the club. The club is judged by the performance on the field. Juventus must have a successful team especially if a club is to win back the lost support," said Poulakakis.

On leaving Heidelberg, Poulakakis expressed his thanks to the club's players.

"I'm sorry to part with such an excellent group of players,"

## Topolanski to West Adelaide

Israeli international Striga Topolanski is likely to join Phillips League club West Adelaide, which is coached by his old friend Gerry Chaldi.

Topolanski, who played with Hakoah St. Kilda in the Victorian State League last season, wants to play in the highest standard of soccer in Australia.

Chaldi, who left Sydney City at the end of last season, knows of Topolanski from his days in Israeli soccer.

Topolanski, 28, represented Israel in 1978 and was twice in Israeli squads which played against Australia.

Topolanski prefers to play sweeper or centre back, but has the ability to be a top midfielder in the PSL. He played

for the first team.

Heideberg may now appoint Englishman John Adams as coach. Adams is English F.A. coach, was in Melbourne last year on a lecture tour.

## Swap deal for Lewis?

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The maximum transfer fee stipulated in Lewis' contract is \$1,000.

## Family affair at Sunshine

Sunshine City may have earned a place in the Guinness Book of Records after the club's last Ampol Cup match against Juventus at Olympic Park.

In that match, Sunshine fielded three brothers — Keiron, Brian and Neil Coyle.

It's the second time Sunshine has had three brothers in its team. The last occasion

Victorian round-up  
with KYLE PATTERSON

in midfield for Hakoah St. Kilda.

## Murphy wants to return

Rugged midfielder Paul Murphy wants to return to Australia and play with George Cross.

Murphy, who played in George Cross' only State League championship success (1977), left this country during 1978 and returned to his native Ireland.

The major stumbling block facing Murphy is that George Cross already has its quota of temporary residence visa players, meaning the club might not be able to re-sign Murphy.

George Cross is hoping to organise a match with Maltese sister club Melita Eagles of Sydney.

Melita Eagles played in a triangular series against George Cross and Green Gully Ajax at St. Albans early in 1979.

George Cross hopes to play the Eagles in Sydney.

George Cross has appointed Eddie Sacco as Director of Junior Coaching.

Sacco, a former George Cross player, is looking for coaches to aid him with the coaching of the club's five junior teams.

Doncaster has arranged a 'Fancy Dress Ball' at the Recreation Centre, 203 Albion St., Brunswick. The date is February 16, at 7.30 pm.

Tickets are \$11, and prizes will be awarded to the best dressed. For details, ring Charles Cassar on 366 6488.

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## Family affair at Sunshine

Sunshine City may have earned a place in the Guinness Book of Records after the club's last Ampol Cup match against Juventus at Olympic Park.

In that match, Sunshine fielded three brothers — Keiron, Brian and Neil Coyle.

It's the second time Sunshine has had three brothers in its team. The last occasion

and Peter Banagan played for Sunshine against Ringwood City in a State League championship match.

Of course, Sunshine is known for keeping football 'in the family.'

Brothers Rob and Dave Nelson are currently senior players at Sunshine, and in the late 1960s the Pockoc brothers — Ray and Bobby — were in the Sunshine team.

Dave Nelson, who missed Sunshine's Ampol Cup campaign because of a holiday, is back in training and should be fit for Dockerty Cup matches in March.

Despite reports of departures, Sunshine is confident it will retain goalkeepers Peter Clarke and defender Nick Lowe. Reports suggested both players were unsettled.

Hugh Howe has been placed on the transfer list.

## Rovers Moomba

Second Division club Doncaster Rovers will fly the flag for soccer-in-the-80s in 1980.

The ambitious club will enter a float, which will feature players displaying soccer skills.

Doncaster's initiative should be a boost for local soccer, as the Moomba Parade earns widespread media coverage.

Doncaster has appointed former player Bill Podlewicki as reserve coach, with last season's reserve coach Alan Alexander now senior coach.

The club is interested in obtaining new players and any players keen on joining the Rovers should attend at the club's Anderson Creek Rd. ground in Donvale. The ground is near the corner of Anderson Creek Rd. and Reynolds Rd.

Doncaster has arranged the following practice matches: February 23 v. Nunawading City at Anderson Creek Rd. 11 am, March 1 v. Box Hill at Wembley Park, 11 am, March 2 v. Balwyn City at Anderson Creek Rd. 1 pm.

Eight Doncaster Juniors were given a close look at the club's last weekend when selected to be ballboys during the Australia v. Czechoslovakia international match at Olympic Park.

The eight juniors were aged between 11-13, and were accompanied by two Rovers officials.

Doncaster has over 250 juniors playing in 22 teams.

## Graham on transfer list

Kellar Austria goalkeeper Hugo Graham is on the transfer list for \$1,500.

Graham, who joined Austria midway through 1979 from State League club Juventus, is on the list at his own request.

He was kept out of the Austria first team last season by Wally Bryden, who joined Austria from Kellar City.

Austria recently lost promising youngster Slav Pejkovic, who has joined Footscray JUST on a free transfer.

Pejkovic played several first team games last season.

Austria has seven other players on the transfer list. They are Nick Kuzmanov, Nestor Meneses, Bruno Alekic, Jan Andersson and Cesar Valenzuela.

Valenzuela may join Dandenong City, but the two clubs have yet to start serious negotiations.

Kuzmanov joins Austria in 1980 for a substantial fee, but stood out of soccer last season.

He was linked with Green Gully Ajax last season, but a transfer didn't eventuate.

Meneses, Alekic, Andersson and Valenzuela have also stood out of the game for a considerable period.

## Hillmen lose Ian McLeod

New Box Hill coach Bill Murray received a setback to his plans this week when midfielder Ian McLeod announced he was unavailable for the 1980 season.

McLeod left Box Hill in 1978 from Athlone City after starting his career in Australian soccer with Hakoah St. Kilda.

He captained Box Hill to victory in the Cumberland Cup final in 1977.

McLeod has been a key



Shraga Topolanski sticks close to ace striker Gerd Mueller (left) in a Bayern Munich training game. Topolanski may leave Hakoah St Kilda.

## Vojtek in trouble

Green Gully midfielder Bill Vojtek was up to his neck in trouble at a recent training session.

Coach Bobby McLachlan sent his troops on a grueling cross country run in St. Albans only near the ground.

The players battled through long grass and steep climbs, but Vojtek ran into real trouble on the return leg.

He leaped forward onto what he thought was ground covered by grass, only to find he'd jumped straight into a stream of water!

A little shocked by his unexpected dip, Vojtek quickly leaped out of the water and continued on the run ... carefully watching his step!

Green Gully is still interested in signing South Melbourne striker Steve Carr ... but not for \$9,000, which is what Souths is demanding.

Coach McLachlan may instead sign a couple of players he's lined up in Britain.

## Eltham Summer Cup kicks off

Eltham (Vic) will again conduct the Eltham Summer six-a-side tournament on Sunday.

Clubs taking part are Greenborough, Heidelberg, Doncaster, Rosanna, Diamond Creek, Scoresby Utd., Bundoora, and Eltham.

Local interest should be fostered by the inclusion of teams from Eltham Rugby Club and Eltham Football Club, making a total of 18 participating teams.

Competition begins at Susan St. Reserve Cnr of Susan St. and Bridge St. Eltham at 10.00 am. Admission is \$1.00 a head.

The first games will be between Heidelberg and Diamond Creek and Doncaster and Bundoora. The final is programmed to start at 5.15 pm with the presentations at 5.45 pm.

Prize money is \$250 to the winner, \$100 to the runner up and a prize of \$50.00 will go to the team scoring the most goals in the preliminary rounds.



New Zealand national coach John Adshead (left) with Australian coaches in Auckland. From left — Mike Wells, Jim Selby, Jock Glass, Fred Brooks, Casey De Bruin, Barry Shackley and (front) Marcel Tauba.

## Aussies on English F.A. course

Seven coaches from Australia recently had the unique experience of studying for their English F.A. full coaching licence — and of all places in London.

It's only the second time that a full English F.A. coaching course has been conducted outside Britain, and the Australian contingent wasn't about to miss the opportunity.

The course was conducted at Massey University, Auckland, from January 19 to February 2.

The coaching staff at the course was headed by Kevin Verity, the English F.A. regional coach of the West Midlands area.

He was assisted by Doug Moore (New Zealand national under 21 and under 23 teams coach), Alan Jones (recently appointed Director of Coaching in New Zealand) and John Adshead (national coach of New Zealand).

Adshead, of course, is now an 'enemy' of the Australian national team. He led New Zealand to an historic 1-0 victory over Rudi Gut-

and hasn't let the Socceroos forget it!

Ironically, it was Adshead who was directing the Australian coaches during the course.

The Australian party was Mike Wells (Director of Coaching in South Australia), Jim Selby (national coach of Australian women's team), Jock Glass (former Albion Rovers and Scotland City Club player and coaching staff coach), Casey De Bruin (senior staff coach with Australian Soccer Federation in NSW), Barry Shackley (coach of Tasmanian youth team) and Marcel Tauba (NSW coach).

The participants will not know the results of the intensive course until early March.

Fred Brooks, the only coach from Victoria in the party, said he was extremely impressed with the work of staff coaches, and that all participants benefited greatly from the experience and knowledge passed on.

Brooks may soon start a coaching programme with the assistance of the Victorian



By  
KYLE  
PATTERSON

The Socceroos Melbourne headquarters at the St Kilda Travelodge weren't bubbling with enthusiasm last week as the national team prepared for its final encounter with powerful Czechoslovakia.

After heavy losses to the Czechs in Canberra and Sydney, the Socceroos' morale was low. Media criticism had further dented the confidence of Rudi Gutendorf's troops.

However, the surprise addition of Adelaide City midfielder Gary Marocchi to the squad would have helped lessen the gloom.

Marocchi was full of enthusiasm after his shock recall to the national team and his keenness must surely have rubbed off on other players.

Marocchi has had a dream return to the national team — the type of comeback you expect to see only in a film like 'Rocky'.

The 24-year-old Perth-born mid-fielder was so sudden that Marocchi probably had to pinch himself to make sure it was happening.

Such were the circumstances that Marocchi arrived at the national team's motel having never

# Marocchi returns, eager for success

met Mr Gutendorf. What's more, when I talked to Marocchi his only contact with the Socceroo boss had been a brief exchange of hellos.

"My selection was a big surprise," said Marocchi. "I had missed most of last season with injuries and thought I would be forgotten."

But stranger things have happened in Australian soccer...

Marocchi did have some encouraging words to say about the present Australian team; praise which has been absent lately.

"Australia has an excellent squad of players and the team is capable of getting good results," said Marocchi. "The players have coped some criticism because of the defeats to the Czechs but they are playing against a great team."

Marocchi was included in the squad after Basic had recommended him to Gutendorf.

Strangely enough, Marocchi wasn't part of Gutendorf's massive player

search last season, when he tried out dozens of players in various trial games and training squads.

Marocchi who was part of the much-maligned national team of 1976-77 under Jimmy Shoulder, said the present team was far better prepared.

"The preparation is much more professional now," said Marocchi. "The players are spending more time together, instead of meeting only three days before an important game."

"When Jim Shoulder was in charge, the Australian Soccer Federation didn't help the players with the schedules arranged. We had little time to work together."

Marocchi accused the ASF of being lax over the 1977 World Cup qualification tour.

"The ASF didn't take it seriously," said Marocchi. "I know the team had virtually no chance of qualifying after the results against Iran and Kuwait in this country, but we should have approached the tour professionally."

Marocchi played in four of Australia's eight World Cup qualifying matches in 1977. His international career with Australia includes eight full internationals plus five other games in the green and gold.

His last game for Australia was in June 1978 when he captained Australia against Greece in Adelaide. The three-match tour by the Greeks brought the final curtain down on Jim Shoulder's reign as Socceroo boss.

**The West Australian State team, featuring current Socceroos David Jones and Gary Marocchi, pictured in early 1977. Back row (left to right) — Bill Dumbell (coach), Gordon McCulloch, Gordon Byron, Steve Martin, Jones, Savel Madasse, Frank Bibby, Paul Hallam, Chris Glennon, Peter Johnson, George McMillan, Marocchi. Front — team trainer, team official, Dennis Bastow, Ray Ilott (rear), Tony Trinker (front), Ken Sandercock, Savro Iozelli.**

After leading his country to that match, things turned sour for Marocchi.

He suffered an ankle injury in a Philips League game. He sought medical advice but was told there was nothing wrong.

"I kept playing and training," said Marocchi, "but I knew something was wrong. I was limping all the time but still the doctor said nothing was wrong."

Late in 1978, while training for a game against touring Greek club Olympia Kos, Marocchi damaged a knee cartilage.

He returned to his native Perth where Christmas, sought medical opinion and had an operation.

His Perth doctor revealed his ankle was damaged and that this complaint contributed to his knee injury.

"The specialist in Perth said the tendons in my ankle were severely damaged. I was furious at the Adelaide doctor who said there was nothing wrong," said Marocchi.

It took Marocchi 10 months to recover from the operation. He spent most of 1979 watching Adelaide City from the sidelines, while continuing his long haul on the comeback trail.

He managed to play in Adelaide City's last six league games of the season but missing so many games was a blow to him.

Because he missed so much soccer, his national team call-up was a great morale booster.

Marocchi's recall gave him the chance to once again team up with friend David Jones, who had been added to the Socceroo team the previous weekend.

David and I were with Azzurri in Perth before moving to South Australia," said Marocchi, "and we both played in the WA State team."

George McMillan (now Preston Makedonia), Gordon McCulloch (now West Adelaide) and Arno Bertogna (now Newcastle Utd) also were in the same Azzurri team as Marocchi.

Marocchi was with Azzurri for 10 years (six years in the senior team) before transferring to Adelaide City when the national league was formed.

Marocchi hopes Adelaide City now will be able to establish itself as one of Australia's premier clubs.

Last season, Adelaide City won its first national league honor when it beat St George 3-2 to win the

Philips Cup.

Marocchi's aim is to help the club to the championship, an honor the SA club came so close to winning in 1977.

"We are shaping up well in pre-season work and Rale has us working hard five nights a week," said Marocchi.

"With Jones in our defence I think we have a team capable of at least finishing in the top four and perhaps going one better."

With his international career remarkably salvaged, Marocchi said he was going to make a big effort to stay in the Australian team.

"It was a shock to be recalled so soon," he said, "but now I have the chance and I don't intend to waste it."



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# AMPOL CUP



George Pavlidis came into the Heidelberg team against Ajax when Gary Cole, Jimmy Rooney, Jim Campbell and Jim Tansey were away with the national team. He scored one of the goals in Heidelberg's 3-0 victory.



Zdravko Jujic of J.U.S.T. sends a shot past George Cross full back Derek Barron. J.U.S.T. won 3-0.



Claude Lucchesi of Makedonia (left) is blocked by Slavia's goalkeeper Elvio Pugliese and Paul Wade.



Makedonia's Gary Ward beats Slavia full back Nigel Haupt in the air.

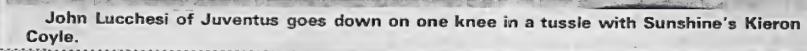


Frankston's Sean Parton (right) and David Luca are helpless against this power drive by Gary Cole.



Heidelberg's Theo Selemidis (No. 7) heads home one of his two goals in the 3-0 victory over Green Gully Ajax. Challenging in the air is Ajax's John Patten. Others, from left: Peter Donaldson, Andy Bozikas and Willie Vassallo.

John Lucchesi of Juventus goes down on one knee in a tussle with Sunshine's Kieron Coyle.

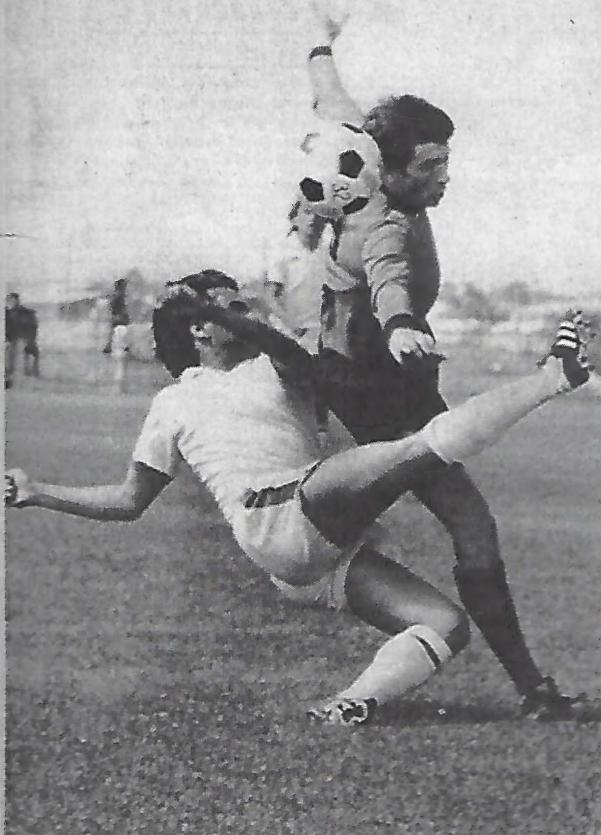


# ACTION

• PHOTOGRAPHER LES SHORROCK  
AT THE VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP



Former Socceroo Jimmy McKay in the colors of First Division club Albion Rovers. Behind him is Charlie Spiteri.



Slavia's Steve Lawson kicks wildly and in vain as Makedonia's George McMillan heads goalwards.



Gordon Stevens of Albion Rovers robs Croatia's Noel Mitten of the ball with a timely tackle.



Altona's Kevin Wilson nips in from behind to kick the ball away from Heidelberg's Andy Bozikas.

## AROUND THE WORLD

The 1980 programme of the Phillips League requires South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg Alexander to play on the same Sunday in Melbourne and again together outside Melbourne.

Alexander, wishing to assist supporters, suggested to Hellas that both teams play at Middle Park.

Hellas rejected this suggestion so from what we have learned, Alexander will ask Croatia to play with it in double-headers.

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Rudi Gutendorf may have left Chile sometime ago but his influence there is still evident.

The Chilean Soccer Federation has decided to give an extra point to the team that wins by more than four goals.

The brave Chileans went ahead and decided... a) If there is a draw, the teams will not get any points. b) The team that has less than 4,000 spectators a match will be demoted.

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New York Cosmos may be having financial difficulty. After the astronomical fees they have paid to obtain their players, they have started to sell some of them.



With ELIAS  
DONOUDIS

As it is known, Dennis Truitt has returned to Manchester City for the price of \$250,000.

A representative of the club stated recently that it is ready now to sell the Brazilian back, Francisco Marinho as well as the Yugoslav, Vladislav Bogiceric, who was one of the main players of the team in last year's championship.

The former ace of Italian soccer, Sandro Mazzola, who is now a paid technical consultant of Inter, claimed recently in an interview that Italy needs new blood, and it will be a tragic mistake if it does not permit the importation of foreign players.

In his interview, Mazzola revealed that by having the blockade, Italy has lost the German ace, Hans Mueller as well as the Brazilian, Zico.

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Aztec's Los Angeles have signed up the international centre of Feyenoord, Wim Jansen.

"We did not ask for a cent from the American team on account of the long service James has given to Feyenoord," said Peter Sefan, the manager of the Dutch team.

Jansen, who has been capped internationally 65 times, will be 33 this year. He

has been playing with Feyenoord since he was 16.

He also has participated in two World Cups (1974 and 1978) and in Aztec's he will be reunited with two of his old friends the manager of the team, Rinus Michels and Johann Cruyff.

## Bannon to move



Ged Bannon (pictured above) probably the most dynamic midfielder in the Victorian State League, is seeking a transfer from Frankston City.

A maximum transfer fee of only \$3000 is stipulated in Bannon's contract.

Bannon, in his early twenties, is the brother of Pat Bannon, the captain of Heidelberg United, Vince, who plays right back for South Melbourne, and Eamon, the Scottish international.

A fierce tackler and non-stop worker, Ged came from Scotland in 1977 to join Juventus and transferred to Frankston the following year. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

**ZIKA NIKOLIC****NERESEN REZULTAT KAO POBEDA**

U poslednjem susretu sa Australijske reprezentacijom Čehoslovačke nije mogla očekivati rezultat i uverila je bilstavni klijenti da tu igraču nema. Možemo li sada reći da su ekipi svetskih igara?

Možemo li u obzir da su gosti izgubili interes, da je sudija kumovao austrijskim golovima u Melburnu, ali pored svega čega Čehoslovačka je moralna naci mogućnost da pobedi. U tome ipak nije uspeo, jer joj nije dozvoljena nasa reprezentacija, zato što je nesto nacula iz prethodnja poraza. Zbog toga su međunarodne utakmice vazeće i korisne, bez obzira na prve rezultate.

U norinskoj lozi svi smo mogli da osetimo ljubomorju i zavist naših kolega iz ostalih gradova Australije, specijalno Sidneja, jer je Melburn postao zacaran grad za goste ekipa, bez obzira na njihov ugled i glos. Da sada se tvrdilo i mislio da gošti lose prolaze u Melburnu, zato što igraju prvu utakmicu počasne posete, a ne i posljednju.

Meditum Čehoslovačku je odigrala ovog puta posredujući utakmicu u Melburnu i pokvarila izvanredan utakicu. Da ne bi izvukli pogresak zaključak, koji bi nas uspravio, treba uvek pomisliti i shvatiti da je u fudbalu sve moguće, ako se ne presegao ući na greskama i ne kapitulira pre vremena.

**POLFNFALNE AMPOL KUPA**

U subotu 16. februara na Olimpičkom Parku možemo očekivati rekordnu posetu, iako se saštajstvo lokalna tima u polufinalu Ampol Kupa. U 7.30 uveče saštaju se J.U.S.T. i Heidelberg/Alexander, a za njima oko 9.15 Croatia i Hellas. Iako su sva četiri tima usta u polufinalu bez jednog izgubljenog boda, nisu bili podjednako ubedljivi. Premda opštem misljenju laika, stručnjaka i navijaca, JUST je bio srećan koliko je tazak u grupnom takmičenju, a da će u polufinalu odliciti stvarna vrednost ekipi. Heidelberg, koji je odlicno prošao kroz grupne okrsje, bice mnogo jaci pritiv "plavih", jer se vraćaju i reprezentativu. Medutim, mi nećemo potpuno optužiti "plave", jer su svesni svojih maha i igraju bez komplikacija.

Mnogi stručnjaci, takođe proricu pobedu Croatije nad Helasm, sto nije nemoguce, iako Helas nije proslodnjinska ekipa. Najbolje je reci da je rezultat ovog susreta neizvestan, uz napomenu da Helas ima ikusniju navalu.

**TARAX I HAWKSURN FAVORITI ZA JAT-OV PEHAR**  
Iduce nedelje, 17. februara, igraju se polufinalne i finale jugoslovenskog turnira za JAT-ov pehar. Sve utakmice se igraju na igralištu Springvale City-a, Ross Reserve, Corrigan Road, Noble Park (iza Swimming Pool-a) od 12 sati u podne. U polufinalne su se plasirali: TARAX, Springvale United ("Bratstvo i jedinstvo"), Hawksburn i Vojvodin/Wiltona. Parovi će biti izvezeni u 12 sati, zbog čega se očekuje dolazak svih ekipa u vreme.

U cetvrtfinalu, koje je odigrano po idealnom vremenu prošle nedelje u Llydney-u pred 3000 gledalaca, postignuti su sledeći rezultati:

**TARAX — drugi tim JUST-a 2:1 (2:1).** Streliči: Andrew Kazi u 12. i Tim Bikić u 31. minuti, sa Tarax, Sulejman Ćurović u 7. minuti, za drugi tim "plavih". Ovdje ekipi su nastupile oslavljene. Taraxu su nedostajali Žorža, Adamović i Mladenović neopravdani, Lukic i Lopatic opravdano, dok je JUST bio lisen usluga Vlatka Belica, Toma Vučovića i Pavla Simića. Da ne bi mnogo objasnjavalo uzroke pobede Taraxa i poraza JUST-a, navezcemo izjavu Ibre Hadžeadžića: "Prošle godine u Geelongu je Tarax igrao mnogo bolje, ali je drugi tim JAT-a pobedio. Danas se dogodilo isto. Miđutim, smo se sastali u istoj koli, jer smo obe ekipi zrli za finale. Ovakvo, u finalu ćemo igратi protiv Hawkswortha, ako zreb ne bude nemirisan da se saštanemo još u polufinalu." Najbolji igrači su bili Ćurović, Pejković i Tiliški za JUST, Sandor Kazi, Andrew Kazi, Ibro Hadžeadžić i Stvan Kosovac za Tarax.

**SPRINGVALE UNITED — BOSNA 6:4 (4:2).** Streliči: Milevo Ćulibrk 3, Zlatko Kain, Dragan Janić i Stevan Belović za Springvale, Risto Perković, Vlado Nicoski, Faruk Ljubović i Risto Paunović (autogol). BOSNA je najveći iznenađenje i otkrivenje ovog turnira. Sakupili su se tri nedelje, a trenirali su zajedno pet-sest puta. Iako su na "bonbu" poveli sa 1:0, očekivalo se da izgube sa dvocifrenim rezultatom, jer je vec u 15. minuti Springvale video sa 3:1. Medutim kada su zagrejali, a narcoticu kada je u igru usao veteran Faruk Ljubović, produkt "rođendan" iz Mostara, Bosanci su mladog ekipi Springvala zadali mnogo jada i brija. Treba znati da su dve trećine utakmice igrale sa 10 igrača, posto je sudija (ne shvatavajući dub turbara) bio prestrog prema Risti Perkoviću sto se koskao sa Ristom Paunovim. Pekaoz mu je put u slijacioniku u 32. minuti.

**HAWKSURN — PLAVI DUNAV 6:0 (4:0).** Streliči: Steve Bleskanić 4, Janos Palo i Jozu Biro. "Plavi Dunav" nije igrao tako podpređen ulogu kao sto je rezultat pokazuje. Razlika je bila u golimanu i Steve Bleskanić, koji je radio sta je htio na igralištu. Kada je Plavi Dunav umesto Mise Pergicia stavao na gol Titora Mistrica, situacija se neglo izmenila.

**VOJVODINA/WILTONA — SPRINGVALE CITY Under-19 team 6:4 (3:2).** Streliči: Veljko Đupor 4, Adam Miler 2 za Vojvodinu, Paul Pintzic 2, Martin Pullen i Charlie Page za Springvale. Utakica sa Vojvodinom nije od gotovog pravila verušljiva, zbog panike u zatvorsnicima. Da je još sudija igrajuša u vreme utakmice, a ne u vreme utakmice, onda je sakupljavao Veljko Đupor, koji je bio najbolji na igralištu. Treba poloviti još Andrija Dovića, koji je bio stub obrane i snajeznjivog Adama Milera. Svi estali su igrali promenljivo kao vreme u Melburnu, cas dobro, cas bez veze. U polufinalu će biti teže, ali Vojvodina nije bez sanse.

**TRENINJ I PRIJATELJSKE UTAKMICE**  
Drugi tim JUST-a igra prijateljsku utakmicu sa Altonom Gate učed u petak na igralištu u Roberts Street-u, West Footscray. Početak u 6 uveče. Proslog petkovočnja drugi tim JUST-a je pobedio Thomaston sa 3:2 (0:2). Streliči: Pavle Simić, Ivica Karic i Pejković.

**CARLTON/SRBIA** pocinje da trenera svakog utakmici u četvrtku na Como Park-od 6.30 uveče. Odigrace prijateljsku utakmicu sa Central Altonom u nedelju 17. februara na crkvnom imanju kod Bendiga.

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# Yugoslav skill complemented by teamwork

**Yugoslav and Italian players are the most skilful of all the European nations when it comes to ball control, flair and innovation.**

**MIKE JOHNSON**

They are the two countries whose players come closest to matching the skills of the gifted South Americans.

Indeed at times I have thought the Yugoslavs, in particular, can match the South Americans in the intricacies of ball artistry.

The Yugoslavs have added new dimensions to their game as Vardar and especially, Red Star, have been showing us recently.

Apart from their abundant short passing ball skills, they are fit, strong and break into counter attacks with great speed, the way modern soccer demands.

I have long been admirer of the Yugoslav talents and four years ago made a trip to Yugoslavia to watch their top teams train.

I was impressed by the cordiality of the coaching team at Red Star, not so impressed by the training sessions at Vojvodina and Zagreb, and came away with the conclusion that the Yugoslav player seemed to have abundant natural talent, but many of them appeared to lack the dedication to make the most of that talent.

I find the Yugoslav temperament is very like that of the Scotsman.

Both have a fierce independence and individuality, explosive temperament.

This strong spirit of independence, while a huge asset at individual level, has been a handicap to Scotland at national level with various factions unable to work together cohesively.

I felt this was also a problem for Yugoslavs.

However, if we are ever to narrow the playing gap which Ray Richards talked about in a recent edition of "Soccer Action" after his visit to Europe, our players and coaches must be prepared to spend time on such practises.

However, two years after my trip to Yugoslavia, I was in Adelaide watching West Adelaide when Red Star came to town to play South Australia.

They annihilated the under-prepared State team 6-0, exactly the same score as this year.

What impressed me about the Red Star team then, and again this time, was their teamwork, strength and fitness.

I watched the Red Star team work very impressively at Adelaide's Hindmarsh stadium with a lot of midfield and three strikers interchanging positions as they attacked the goal, time after time, after time without opposition, then later limited opposition.

This type of "functional practise" as it is called in coaching language, I had seen often during training sessions in West Germany.

The methodical Germans react well to such drills, but to see the Yugoslavs harnessing their creative skills to organised movement off the ball was very interesting.

This result was devastating.

This type of group skill is easier to develop when you have top coaches working with top players on a full-time basis.

However, if we are ever to narrow the playing gap which Ray Richards talked about in a recent edition of "Soccer Action" after his visit to Europe, our players and coaches must be prepared to spend time on such practises.

## CRACK DOWN ON THE POACHERS!

**BY LEIF JENSEN**

**It's no wonder that a lot of good honest workers in the soccer game resign this time of the year.**

Who wouldn't give it away when after working for years to produce really talented junior players, they have to stand by and watch these players lured away by "under-handed" operators from other clubs.

These irresponsible criminals will use any trick in the book to induce players to join their club, in order to boost shortcomings of their own.

They usually don't have the talent or the knowledge to coach players or teams in their charge to become winners. The easy way to boost their little egos is to poach good players from other clubs, using rosy promises and money as an incentive.

Such people have no honour for the game, and they may consider that the clubs they have left for four or five years teaching and coaching these boys to become better soccer players.

The worst part of all is that these boys are usually never heard of again, because they will soon find themselves overhauled by boys who had the sense to stay with a good coach, who will spend time with them to improve their knowledge and skills.

Every year I find myself inundated with phone calls from boys or their parents regretting their change of clubs . . . "I transferred to another club this year Mr Jensen, but now I wish I hadn't, can you help me? . . . or . . ." "My son signed up with a new club, but now he doesn't like it there . . . What can I do to get him out of it?"

Unfortunately, when you sign on the dotted line there is nothing anyone can do for you.

The answer is of course to be a little cautious before signing. Why not go and train with this club for a while, you can talk to people and ask them something about the coach or the club.

Consider all the information you can gather, then sit down and think hard about it. Will it help your future as a soccer player? Are you going because you will be in a winning team?

If, after considering all these precautions, the answer is yes, you probably won't regret it!

In all fairness, I must say that there are now more than ever a growing interest in good junior players, and quite a few senior clubs will give these boys a fair trial and also make sure that good coaching is made available to these lads.

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Canberra's Keni Kawaleva (no. 12) moves in too late to prevent Duncan Cummings from slotting the ball past goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski in a PSL match. At left is Canberra's Luis Slagado and at right Isaac Farrell and Alun Evans. Cummings scored 10 PSL goals in 1978.

# Cummings looking for a 'fair go'

By KYLE PATTERSON

Disgruntled South Melbourne Helles forward Duncan Cummings has ended his two-month exile from the club but the dispute that caused the walk-out is far from solved.

Cummings, 22, agreed to start training with South Melbourne this week after a meeting with club president Sam Papasavas.

However, Cummings, who became the most expensive teenager in Australian soccer when South Melbourne paid Melbourne \$10,000 for him in 1976, will return full of doubt and suspicion.

He still is bitter about the way he was dumped to the substitutes' bench and ignored last season.

"I'm not too big to sit on the bench," said Cummings in reference to those who may think he's playing the prima donna, "but you can't imagine the anger I felt when I was disregarded week after week."

"I played only a handful of games last season. It was a killer. I was totally frustrated and unhappy."

Because of the way he was treated last season, he turned his back on South Melbourne during the pre-season and early Ampol Cup matches.

His return to training is only the first step in a long haul to reconciliation between club and player.

Cummings wants a new, lucrative contract and an understanding that he would be given what he thinks is a 'fair go' — an extended run in the first team to try to establish himself.

There are many complications. Firstly, Cummings has a year to run on an existing contract.

Secondly, he is way behind his team mates in preparation and by the time he is match fit, John Margaritis could well have formed the basis of his team and be reluctant to alter his combination.

Bearing in mind those complications, it seems obvious there will be more conflict between Cummings and South Melbourne, leading to only one solution — a transfer.

South Melbourne president Sam Papasavas will not rule out that possibility, but hopes Cummings will settle down with the club.

"The club will discuss a new contract with Duncan in the next few weeks," said Papasavas, "and after that it will be up to him to regain fitness and prove himself in the team."

"I have a lot of faith in Duncan. I think he will be able to motivate himself and meet the challenge facing him. I honestly believe he has the talent to be one of the best players in Australia."

Papasavas added that the matter of a new contract wouldn't be a hindrance but that no player at South Melbourne was guaranteed a place in the team.

"However, he will get his chance and then it is up to him to prove his value. He's an important part of our first team squad."

Cummings, however, doesn't relish the prospect of another six months sitting on the bench — waiting and hoping.

"I realize I might have to spend some time on the sidelines," said Cummings, "but I'm not going to accept anything like last year."

"If the situation is no better then my future is not with South Melbourne."

In the event of a breakdown in the relationship, Cummings said he would be prepared to play with an interstate Philips League team or even in the Victorian State League.

"I miss being active," said Cummings. "I'm young and yet to reach the peak of my career, so I'm wasting my time sitting around."

"I want to play and would even drop down into the State League if I had to."

Cummings recalled two incidents last season which bitterly disappointed him.

"We were due to play Marconi in Melbourne and I was told I was in the team," said Cummings. "I trained an extra night that week and built myself up for the game."

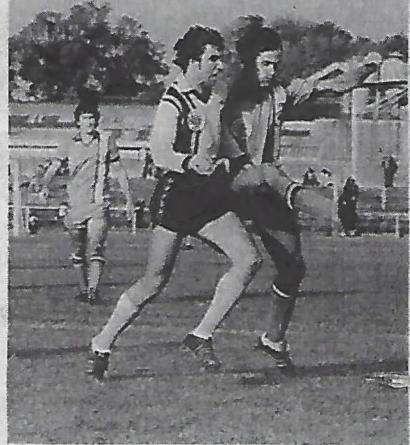
"But 10 minutes before the kick-off I was named as a reserve, and that shattered me. After that game, I hardly cared what happened. I used to go to the ground, put on a tracksuit and sit on the bench. No one said a word to me."

The second 'incident' was the acquisition of Mendo Ristovski, who joined South Melbourne from Footscray JUST.

Cummings described this transfer as a 'slap in the face for me.'

"I have nothing against Mendo," said Cummings, "but when your club pays \$12,000 for a player who plays the same position as you do, it's pretty discouraging."

"I was expected to try harder but I wasn't given any



Branko Buljevic (left), pictured with Col Bennett of Brisbane Lions, partnered Duncan Cummings in Australia's attack against Benfica in 1975.

"No-one can get back into form sitting on the bench and playing for 10 minutes every second week."

Much of Cummings' frustration stems from his belief that he is yet to show his best for South Melbourne.

Many critics have said he's not good enough to play in the Philips League and that his best days are behind him.

This angers Cummings. He knows he is good enough, and is desperate to prove this to his fans and knockers alike.

"People have said to me that I have been no good since the PSL started — meaning I had the ability to play only in the State League," said Cummings.

"But I have played only one full season in the PSL and even then I wasn't happy with my form."

Cummings missed all the 1977 season (the first season of the PSL) because of a serious achilles tendon injury. Cummings recovered and played 22 of South Melbourne's 26 league matches and was top goalscorer with 10.

"My form could have been better in 1978 but I was happy with my goalscoring," said Cummings. "After all, scoring goals is a forward's job."

"I scored 10, which was only four behind Clive Eaton (Western Suburbs) and Ken Boden (Newcastle Utd), who were the PSL top goalscorers."

Last season, Cummings' stocks crashed.

Cummings was in and out of the team under Duncan McKay and John Margaritis, and played only 10 minutes of soccer in the last seven games of the PSL championship.

"If I were given an extended run in the first team, I'm sure I could hit top form," said Cummings.

Cummings faces stiff opposition in his bid to break into the South Melbourne line-up. South has top forwards in Alun Evans, George Campbell, Branko Buljevic and Mendo Ristovski. Even youngster Steve Kakantonis is in the running.

Cummings has respect for his team mates.

"I played alongside Branko for Australia in 1975. We played Benfica of Portugal in LSKydney, and Branko scored both goals in our 2-2 draw," said Cummings. "I saw then what a great player he is."

Cummings played alongside Campbell and Evans in 1978 with Souths, and was a team mate of Ristovski's in a Victorian youth team many years ago.

"They are all good players but my only interest is playing regularly for South Melbourne," said Cummings.

Cummings' desire to stay with South Melbourne is genuine. More than anything else, he wants to repay the fans who dug into their own pockets to raise the money for his transfer.

However, Cummings' future is uncertain. It will be clearer in a month's time when he is match fit and ready to break into the South Melbourne team.

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